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In re Application of

WARD et al.

U.S. Application No.: 10/031,862 DECISION ON PETITION PCT No.: PCT/US01/07582 UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

Int. Filing Date: 09 March 2001

Priority Date: 09 March 2000

Attorney Docket No.: 19978-088796 METHOD FOR CONTROLLING For:

IGNITION OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

This decision is in response to "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" filed 26 August 2003. In a decision dated 29 July 2003, the "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" filed 11 July 2003 to accept the application without the signature of inventor, James D. Meaney, was dismissed because the declaration submitted on 29 July 2003 was not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)(2).

The petition for status under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is most since the declaration filed 26 August 2003 with the present renewed petition was executed by the named inventor, the previous non-signing inventor, James D. Meaney. The declaration filed 26 August 2003 is acceptable under 37 CFR 1.497.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the renewed petition is **DISMISSED** as moot. The application need not be returned to this Office for any further consideration of Rule 1.47 status and no such status should be indicated on this application file.

The application has an international filing date of 09 March 2001 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of 26 August 2003 under 35 U.S.C. 371(c).

The application is being returned to the International Division for processing as the U.S. National Stage of the above-identified international application.

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